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President: Mr. Akram ..... (Pakistan)

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The meeting was called to order at 4.15 p.m.

Election of a Vice-President

1. **The President** announced the departure from the Council of Ambassador Luis Gallegos Chiriboga. He had been informed that, in accordance with rule 18 of the Council' s rules of procedure, the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States had endorsed the candidacy of Mr. Jaime Moncayo, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ecuador to the United Nations, to replace Ambassador Gallegos Chiriboga.

2. *Mr. Jaime Moncayo (Ecuador) was elected by acclamation Vice-Chairman of the Council for the remainder of 2005.*

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment (E/2005/L.1)

3. **The President** proposed that, in accordance with the agreement reached in informal consultations, the Council should decide that the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2005 would be "Strengthening of the coordination of the United Nations humanitarian assistance, including capacity as well as organizational aspects" and that it would also convene a panel, the theme of which would be "Lessons learned from the recent earthquake/tsunami Indian Ocean disaster". He took it that the Council wished to adopt the draft decision.

4. *It was so decided.*

Committee on public administration on its third session (E/2005/L.8/Rev.1)

5. **Ms. Miller** (Jamaica) proposed an oral correction to the draft resolution contained in document E/2005/L.8/Rev.1.

6. *Draft resolution E/2005/L.8/Rev.1, as orally corrected, was adopted.*

Improvement of the work of the Commission on Population and Development (E/2005/L.7/Rev.1)

7. *Draft decision E/2005/L.7/Rev.1 was adopted.*

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (*continued*)

Commission on Population and Development

8. **The President** said that he had been advised by the Chairman of the Group of Asian States that Lebanon had been endorsed to fill the seat that remained vacant for the Group on the Commission on Population and Development. He took it that the Council wished to elect Lebanon by acclamation to the Commission on Population and Development for a term beginning on 31 March 2005 and expiring at the close of the thirty-ninth session of the Commission in 2006.

9. *It was so decided.*

10. *Lebanon was elected a member of the Commission on Population and Development.*

11. **The President** said that he had been advised that Norway was resigning its seat on the Commission on Population and Development at the close of the Commission's thirty-eighth session and that Sweden had been endorsed by the Western European and Other States Group to complete Norway's term of office. He took it that the Council wished to elect Sweden to the Commission on Population and Development to replace Norway for a term beginning at the first meeting of the Commission's thirty-ninth session and expiring at the close of that session in 2006.

12. *It was so decided.*

13. *Norway was elected a member of the Commission on Population and Development.*

14. **The President** said that with regard to the remaining vacancy on the Commission, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election of one member from the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the forty-first session of the Commission in 2008.

15. *It was so decided.*

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

16. **The President** said that he had been advised that Antigua and Barbuda and Haiti were the candidates for the two vacant seats in the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States. In the absence of any other

candidates, he would take it that the Council wished to elect Antigua and Barbuda and Haiti by acclamation to the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2008.

17. *It was so decided.*

18. *Antigua and Barbuda and Haiti were elected members of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme.*

19. **The President** said that with regard to the remaining vacancy on the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, he took it that the Council wished to further postpone the election of one member from the Group of Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2008.

20. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 4.30 p.m.